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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thomas D. Lee

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 13-27, 32-39, 41 and 43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 13-18, 20-27, 32-39, 41 and 43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office action is responsive to applicant's amendment filed February 6, 2006. Claims 1-8, 13-27, 32-39, 41 and 43 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see page 10 of the current amendment, filed February 6, 2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 39, 41 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of the recitation of non-statutory subject matter in previously allowed claim 19.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The claim recited functional descriptive material (recordable medium storing executable instructions) comprising a computer program that imparts functionality when employed as a computer component (i.e., executable code; becomes one with the computer, causes the computer to perform certain acts or functions). Functional descriptive material must be embodied on a *computer readable* medium to impart its functionality. See MPEP 2106.IV.B.1(a).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-8, 13-18, 20-27, 32-39, 41 and 43 are allowed.
6. Claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101, set forth in this Office action.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: As set forth in the prior Office action, no prior art has been found to teach or suggest the step of dividing a block into subblocks if the difference between a calculated function of the color value of the block and subblocks is greater than a threshold, as now recited in base claims 13 and 32; or the step of positioning colors within each block to match a target and reduce spatial artifacts given the set of output colors, as now recited in base claims 1, 19, 20 and 38; or the step of pre-warping an input image's color gamut to adjust for the output color gamut, as now recited in base claims 39, 41 and 43.

Conclusion

8. In view of new grounds of rejection not necessitated by applicant's amendment, this Office action is non-final.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas D. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7436. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30-5:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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